

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PUBLIC
COMMENT PERIOD FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WATER QUALITY STUDY**

PUBLIC MEETINGS: Public meetings will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at the Richardson Memorial Library located at 100 Spring Street, Emporia, VA 23847. BOTH MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Conservation and Recreation are announcing a study to restore water quality for portions of Fontaine Creek which stretches across Brunswick and Greenville Counties. This notice also announces the first public meetings and a public comment opportunity.

MEETING DESCRIPTION: Overview and summary of the research to date of the water quality impairments of the recreation use for portions of Fontaine Creek which are impaired due to bacterial violations.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Virginia agencies are working to identify sources of the bacterial contamination for portions of Fontaine Creek. This impairment spans approximately 32 miles. These waterways are impaired for failure to meet the recreational designated use due to exceedances of the bacterial water quality standard.

Waterbody	Location	Impaired Length (mi)	Impairment
Fontaine Creek (K11R-01-BAC)	Rt 633 Bridge to the tributary between Rts 627 and 639 Greenville Co.	9.87	Recreational Use
Fontaine Creek (K11R-04-BAC)	I-95 Bridge to Rt 301 Bridge Greenville Co.	9.12	
Fontaine Creek (K12R-01-BAC)	Route 301 Bridge to confluence with Meherrin River Greenville Co.	13.29	
Total Impairment Length		32.28	

The study reports on the current status of the River and its tributaries via sampling performed by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the possible sources of bacterial contamination. The study recommends total maximum daily loads, or TMDLs, for the above impairments. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality the bacteria levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period, which expires June 28, 2010. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

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